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The Vote is In: Students Elect Amy Goldstein '11 and Edwin Gaston '11 to Student Assembly President, VP

by Meredith Kennedy '09
News Writer

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, the elections committee announced Amy Goldstein '11 and Edwin Gaston '11 as the 2009 Student Assembly President and Vice President, respectively. The results were sent via e-mail late Wednesday night, 24 hours after online student voting ended. These officers, elected as one ticket, will succeed Stephen Okin '10 and Will Bauder '10. Goldstein and Gaston will assume office the first day of the spring semester.

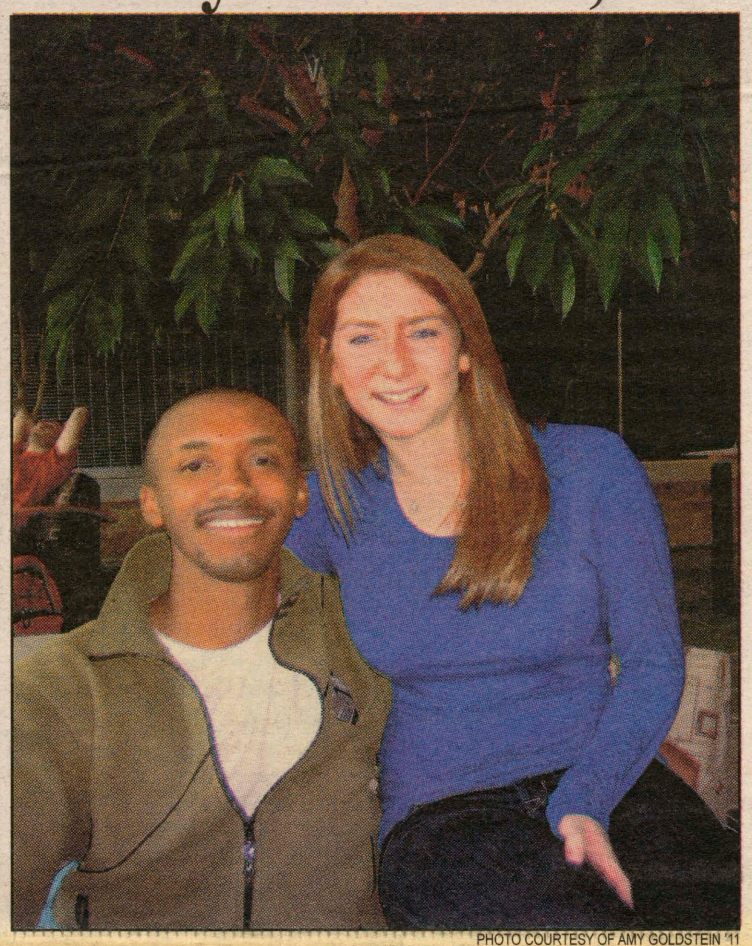
"Edwin and I are extremely excited and cannot thank everyone enough for their votes," Goldstein said.

Goldstein and Gaston, who have both served as Student Assembly representatives since their first year, said they are looking forward to their new leadership roles. Upon returning from winter break, they plan to meet with members of the administration as well as sit down with the Student Assembly committee chairs to map out a plan for the semester.

Goldstein, who is currently Co-chair of the Social Traditions committee, is anxious to tackle her new responsibilities as President: "We know we have a lot of work ahead of us and are prepared to work hard and enact change on this campus."

Some of Goldstein and Gaston's long-term goals include reforming the advising system and the quantitative literacy system. They expressed concern over the safety of the Bundy crosswalk and Martin's Way Bridge, both issues that will become more prominent with the onset of the winter months. Goldstein and Gaston also plan to work toward making Hamilton a greener campus through community-wide compost.

With a lengthy to-do list of campus improvements, Goldstein and Gaston are more than ready to begin their term. As the fall semester winds down, students can look forward to new leadership and positive changes in the spring.



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Board of Trustees to Meet

by Rebekah Mintzer '09
Senior Editor

The Board of Trustees will hold its quarterly meeting at the Yale Club in New York City today. The trustees will focus on Hamilton's financial future in the wake of the recent downturn in the national economy. Smaller committee meetings will take place in the morning and early afternoon, with the full Trustee Board meeting occuring later in the day.

"Unquestionably, there will be difficult decisions to make in consultation with the senior staff and faculty budget committee," said Meredith Harper Bonham, executive assistant to the president and the secretary to the Board of Trustees.

At the meeting, board members will have to grapple with how to manage Hamilton's money in the current state of the economy, which has negatively effected the college's endowment and the increased pressure to fundraise in order to make up for losses.

Another factor to consider will be the increased need for financial aid as circumstances for the families of students change rapidly. In the current crisis, the worst since the early 1980s, and some believe since World War II, many families will need more aid in upcoming semesters, which the trustees will certainly account for in their financial discussions. According to Bonham, the trustees will make protecting financial aid policies a top priority.

The actual budget for the 2009-2010 academic year is in the works, but will not be presented officially to the Board of Trustees until their next meeting in February. Until then, both the board and the College will face difficult decisions about where they can afford to trim spending.

"Hamilton has benefited tremendously from prudent and careful management of the College's resources, and will continue to remain true to its mission despite these trying economic times," said Bonham.

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

Stewart Takes Sabbatical; Acting President Urgo Now Holds Reins

by Kara Labs '09
News Editor

As the fall semester comes to an end and winter starts to settle in, the administration at Hamilton College is preparing for a slight adjustment next semester. From January 1 until June 30 President Joan Hinde Stewart will be on sabbatical. For that period, Dean of Faculty Joe Urgo will become Acting President Urgo. And Pat Reynolds, currently the Associate Dean of Faculty, will be filling in for Dean Urgo. Julio Videras, Associate Professor of Economics, will help to keep day-to-day operations running smoothly. This is a natural transition in that it is typical in many institutions for the Chief Academic or Financial Officer to step into the Acting President position, as current Dean of Faculty Urgo will do next semester.

The Spectator had the opportunity to discuss this transition with Dean Urgo. "I will be in, of course, constant contact with [President Stewart] since [she] is coming back," in the summer. He does not think that the transition will be particularly difficult and, in fact, believes it will go rather smoothly. He stated that, "we work as a team already…she may call me more now, but that will probably shift next semester."

As to whether day to day operations will be affected by this change, Dean Urgo, commented that he does not expect this to be the case. "There is no fear of anything being missed…we may slow things down a little," he commented, but also asserted this would be easy because they want to do

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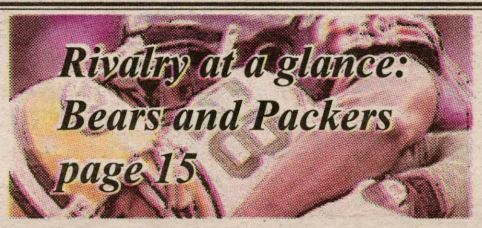

Student Assembly Talks Ice Skates, Endowment, and Okin's Departure

by Amanda Jordan '10
Student Assembly Correspondent

At its last meeting of the semester on December 8, 2008, the Student Assembly discussed funding and committee reports.

Funding:
This week, the SA allocated $23,702.86 in funding, of which over $11,000 will be used next semester by student organizations. $4,169.86 of this funding will be spent on an outdoor skating rink that will be open next semester. This amount was voted on as a lump sum total and unanimously approved. Toward the end of the meeting, the SA also unanimously approved $726.54 in funding to Mock Trial for the following semester. SA President Stephen Okin '10met with Karen Leach this past week to discuss the approximately $47,000 in funding that will roll over to next semester's budget. Leach suggested that the SA could spend the money or it could create an endowment. The Assembly would be able to withdraw 5% of this endowment each year to spend on projects approved by Leach and with campus-wide input from students. The SA will discuss the possibility of creating an endowment toward the end of next semester.

Committee Reports:

The Food Committee discussed providing banana bread, Nutella, clementines, and raspberry vinaigrette dressing in the dining halls. Also, the committee is working on providing mac and cheese as a side at the Diner and serving breakfast food one night a week in the dining halls.

The Technology Committee reported no recent updates. They announced that they will have one last meeting this semester in order to plan for next semester.

The Diversity and Accessibility Committee announced that they are planning a trip next semester to New York City in order to participate in cultural events. More about this trip will be discussed next semester. Also, the committee reported that the tentative dates for Multicultural Week are March 2nd – 8th. Multicultural Week will be planned next semester.

The Facilities Committee reported that they will be sending out a movie poll for the upcoming January movies. The movie list will be abbreviated since students do come back from winter break until the end of January. In addition, the committee is currently discussing ways to make Martin's Way Bridge safer in the winter months. The committee also asks all students to bring ice skates back to Hamilton when they return from winter break in order to use the new outdoor ice skating rink. The rink should be ready to use when students return from break.

The Social Traditions Committee thanked all students for participating in the Citrus Bowl this year and making it a success!

The Elections Committee discussed the SA Presidential and Vice Presidential elections. A new SA President and Vice President were announced on Wednesday after the 48-hour voting period this past Monday and Tuesday.

The Constitution Committee will meet at the beginning of next semester to make changes to the election codes.

At the end of the meeting, SA President Stephen Okin addressed the Assembly and thanked them for a great year. This was Okin's last meeting as SA President. The newly elected SA President will preside over the meetings for the coming year beginning in January 2009.

NESCAC Payroll Announced

by Kate Moore '12
News Writer

The following information regarding presidents' pay at private colleges is taken from IRS form 990, a public document. The Chronicle of Higher Education recently released the figures from the most recent fiscal year (2006-07), which ranked President Joan Hinde Stewart's compensation as average in comparison to other NESCAC schools. Three main sections of form 990 are analyzed in this process: pay, benefits, and total compensation.

PAY: A president's salary, fees, bonuses, and severance payment (if applicable) are included in calculating pay. Stewart's pay of $325,928 is relatively low compared to other NESCAC presidents (Middlebury president Ronald D. Liebowitz has the lowest pay at $295,832 – Tufts University president Lawrence S. Bacow has the highest at $520,420). Over the past four years that Stewart has been president, her pay has increased at a fairly gradual rate.

BENEFITS: This covers health and pension plans, as well as deferred compensation, which usually accumulates over several years and is then paid in a lump sum. There has been a noticeable jump in Stewart's benefits. For the 2003-04 fiscal year, Stewart had $16,312 in benefits. The number had doubled by the following year, and she most recently posted $78,478 in benefits. It is possible that 2006-07 was the windfall year for deferred compensation, but the effect of benefits on the president's total compensation should be noted.

TOTAL COMPENSATION: This is calculated as the sum of pay and benefits, and brings Stewart's overall salary to $404,406. The benefits provide a noticeable boost, however, $78,000 is the median among the schools, and Stewart's total compensation is fifth lowest in the ranking.

School	Pay	Benefits	Total Compensation
Tufts University	$520,420	$52,151	$572,571
Williams College	$410,000	$104,744	$514,744
Wesleyan University	$412,974	$100,184	$513,158
Trinity College	$350,000	$134,044	$484,044
Amherst College	$331,529	$143,497	$475,026
Middlebury College	$295,832	$169,883	$465,715
Hamilton College	$325,928	$78,478	$404,406
Bates College	$325,828	$78,323	$404,151
Colby College	$337,673	$59,360	$397,033
Bowdoin College	$340,000	$48,144	$388,144
Connecticut College	$325,000	$40,000	$365,000

Dean Urgo Takes Over as Acting President January 1

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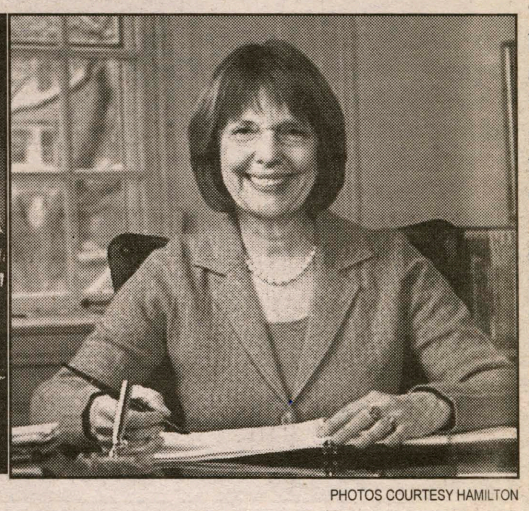
it correctly. The administration may talk about tasks more in day to day operations but he does not foresee drastic changes.

As to President Stewart's sabbatical and rumors of her possibly leaving, he clearly stated that her going on sabbatical is not a sign of leaving, "if anything it is a sign that she is not going anywhere.... You want your President to be an active scholar." He went on to state that a sabbatical is a standard procedure that is usually built into president and faculty contracts.

Next semester Dean Urgo will still be carrying on and implementing the Strategic Plan in order to bring that to fruition. One of the next steps in the plan is to implement task forces in order to effectively carry out some of the tasks outlined in the plan.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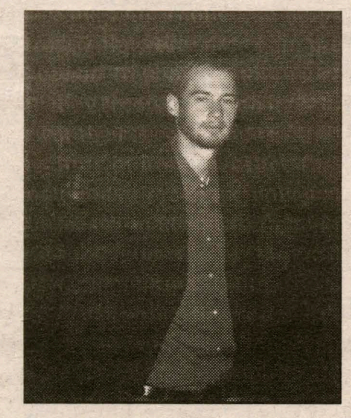
Finally, Dean Urgo plans to continue the president's open hour and welcomes any opportunity to interact with students. Jokingly he commented that, "there will be a lot of acting going on next semester," but is completely confident that things will operate smoothly. He wants, "to be as accessible as possible and I want people to take advantage of [my] increased accessibility."

President Stewart was unavailable for comment as she is currently in New York City preparing for the meeting of the trustees this weekend.

The Spectator would like to thank Marty for all your hard work and dedication these past two years!



Congratulations to 2009 Phi Beta Kappa Inductees!

Louisa Brown, Keith Gross, Xiaobo Ma, Chelsea Mann, Timothy Minella, Li Qiu, Aaron Richterman and Michael Sennott have been inducted into the Epsilon chapter of the nation's oldest and most prestigious honor society.

Letter of Concession

Dear Hamilton,

Let us express our most sincere congratulations to Amy and Edwin. They ran an excellent campaign and earned a well-deserved victory.

To Amy and Edwin: As you enter your offices, we would like to make some requests as members of the Student Assembly and as concerned members of the student body. We suggest you open up Student Assembly meetings to the Hamilton Community. Administrators should be invited as many meetings as possible, but at least to a monthly meeting in the Chapel, or some similar space that would accommodate large numbers of interested students, faculty, and staff. Also, attempt to bring equivalency back to the Diner, as the completion of this project would make very many students very happy. As a final, and admittedly selfish request, we suggest that the Technology Committee, which has done an excellent job this semester, should be counted amongst Student Assembly's permanent committees. In addition, we applaud your commitment to safety on campus, your support of green initiatives, and your goal of creating a greater sense of community. We hope all of your great plans come to fruition, and we are willing to do everything in our power to get them done.

To the students: You have spoken and we respect your decision. To our supporters: Thank you. We hope you will show Amy and Edwin the same level of support. For those of you who found yourselves involved in this election process: Good for you! Come show your support for the new administration at an SA meeting sometime. For those of you who didn't: You should check out SA. A lot of what we do may seem irrelevant and occasionally irrational, but that's all the more reason for you to check us out. Stop in to hear some discussion on an issue important to you or just read the minutes after the meetings. You'll be glad you did.

Yours,
Keith Willner and Jake Lacy

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INSIGHTS & IDEAS

WebAdvisor in Desperate Need of Revision

by Allison Eck '12
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

At many colleges, students have very few options when it comes to picking classes. Luckily for us, Hamilton has an open curriculum, so we have the freedom to choose classes outside of our major without having to worry about meddlesome core requirements.

But can we really exert our power of choice?

Unfortunately, the idea of an open curriculum is slightly flawed due to WebAdvisor, the program we use to register for classes. WebAdvisor has a legendary reputation – students subjected to its wrath often exhibit signs of frustration, anxiety, and anger, primarily because the program is not designed to fit our needs.

Registering for classes is especially aggravating for freshmen, but every student should be able to recall a time when they wanted to chuck their computer out a window and transfer to Colgate after the experience. (Okay, exaggeration…but you get the point.) The mere fact that we get so upset over the program should indicate to the administration that we care deeply about what classes we get into, and that we want to take full advantage of the open curriculum. They should not punish us by continuing to use a defective system if all we want is to get into classes that interest us.

Some anecdotes:

My friend had a 7:15 a.m. registration time. She got up at 6:45, just to make sure that she was ready and awake to click submit at exactly 7:15, and then she would go back to sleep. However, when she went to sign up for Social Psychology, WebAdvisor told her that she did not have permission to register for the course, even though she knew that she had placed out of Psych 101 using her AP credit. She ended up spending hours trying to get an Add/Drop form for the professor of the class to sign, and bring it to the registrar, only to find out that the class had filled. The worst part was that she had emailed the professor before registering to say that she had placed out of Psych 101 and wanted to take the course, because she had gotten shut out of it first semester. But even though she had approached the professor ahead of time, fearful that WebAdvisor would malfunction in the way that it did, she still was unable to enroll in the course. She waitlisted the course but did not want to risk having only three courses, so she signed up for Intro to Brain and Behavior instead. When she went to the registrar after a spot opened up, they rejected her, saying she had already signed up

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Students with later registration times often find that the classes they want have already been waitlisted. WebAdvisor offers little help.

Face Off: Should SA Surplus Be Used for Safety Issues?

No

by Sam Gomez '10
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

Establishing an office of Campus Safety was probably a decision by the administration to keep the campus safe. So why shouldn't they be the ones responsible for safety issues on campus?

Obviously, being safe also includes not breaking your face on Martin's Way bridge or getting taken out by a car while crossing from Bundy Dining Hall after consuming one too many adult sodas. Although it is the responsibility of students to be safe in their own behavior, college administrators should be responsible for doing everything possible to facilitate student's safety. After all, isn't the assumption of safety, in part, what we pay for as part of our tuition?

The Student Assembly should not be responsible for allocating funds to fix safety issues such as the bridge and the Bundy crossing. The SA is supposed to use its funds to pay for student organizations and events, not for safety issues.

For example, if the Commons stairs are icy, it is the school's responsibility to make sure that the ice is cleared so students don't break their necks trying to get a slice of pizza. The notion that SA should be responsible for identifying the fact that the stairs were icy, allocating funds to hire an employee and instructing that employee to clear the stairs is laughable. My question is this: why should the case be different in any other safety issue on campus?

Safety problems like a slippery bridge or a dangerous crossing are not as visible to administrators and faculty as icy stairs at Commons. After all, many faculty and administrators eat at Commons so they would be able to see the problem. But it is the responsibility of students to tell administrators when there is a problem that is not as visible.

Overall, students should be more vocal at this College in expressing their views to the administration. Popular criticisms of the school for hiring a chopper to dry of the football field aside, students usually complain to each other more than they complain to administrators. President Stewart has an open hour. If you have a safety issue that you are concerned about, tell her. She will undoubtedly do the right thing and address the issue immediately.

As the President, she has what I like to call executive power. She has an open hour so students can come and have their concerns addressed by the person in charge.

PHOTO BY CHRIS EATON '11

The safety features of the Martin's Way Crosswalk set a standard that the Bundy Crosswalk fails to meet. The Student Assembly surplus could be used to make the Bundy Crosswalk safer.

Yes

by Jessie Brown '12
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

Each year, the student activities fee provides the Student Assembly with money. Their responsibility is to provide money to various campus organizations. Club sports, for example, receive 10% of the budget each year, according to SA President Stephen Okin '10. The amount the SA receives depends on tuition. In previous years, the amount of money the SA had has prevented them from appropriating funds generously. The $313,000 they received this year has changed the situation, allowing them to be less "stingy" said Okin.

Of the money they budgeted for this semester, they have not used $23,433, a significant chunk of change. The surplus from a semester ordinarily rolls over into the next semester, to be used for next semester's activities. Some have suggested using the funds for aesthetic details, such as replacing the American flag with a weather resistant one and illuminating it. However, in light of recent security breaches such as the dorm break-ins, some students believe the money should go toward addressing safety concerns, rather than trivial things such as lighting a flag.

While the Hill is by no means the most dangerous place you will ever encounter, some particularly poorly lit areas make traveling alone unwise.

"The main areas like Martin's Way are fine," said Emily Moulton '12 of the lighting situation, "but places less frequently traveled could use more lighting." She went on to cite specific places such as South and the dorms down the Hill – Bundy, Skenandoa, and Wertimer – as problem areas. Over 100 students call the latter three dorms home; more streetlamps would help make students feel safer on the long walk back to their rooms.

Not all of the dark areas of campus lack streetlamps. Sometimes it is merely a blown light bulb. A way to report them would improve the feeling of security.

Besides improving lighting, increasing the presence campus safety has would discourage criminal activity and thus enhance the feeling of security. Though the budget is not enough to hire more people to physically patrol the campus, it can provide more emergency blue lights, so any student who feels unsafe can receive an escort to their destination.

These goals are all stated on the Hamilton website, so why haven't they been implemented? Technically, addressing safety concerns is a problem for the administration to address, not for SA. However, clearly these issues are not getting the attention they need. If the Student Assembly can afford to do so, they should step up to finance the project. After all, their duty is to address the concerns of students.

THE SPECTATOR

A Last Word...

I'm sitting at my desk in the Spectator office, surrounded by the chatter of the editors, a strange mix of blithe remarks and professional intercourse cast intermittently and without eye contact from in front of the many computers scattered throughout the room. These are my final thoughts, my last word as Editor-in-Chief of The Spectator, and this is the perfect environment in which to let them ferment.

So what is the view like from this desk after two years? It's different, to say the least, and in many ways. After hours of conviction-trying work, many lessons in leadership and journalism, a profusion of personal and academic sacrifices, and a few furniture changes, I can't help but feel that this experience has changed my perspective more than it has changed me. It hasn't so much changed the position from which I view things, but taught me to be aware of how I approach such positions. And maybe, this is what journalism is all about.

Of course the ability to convey accurately and effectively those facts or realities that an adapting perspective reveals is another matter altogether. In this respect I am in severe debt, as any editor should be, to the dedicated and intelligent staff that give life to this publication. During my tenure I have had the pleasure of working with a great many editors and staff members (one of the few perks of taking this job on two years in a row!) and I have watched the staff of this newspaper grow in ways I could never have anticipated. Thank you all, I am so proud of what we have accomplished, and I can only try to imagine what great things are in the future for The Spectator. Erin – Thank you for everything. I am proud to pass the paper into your care.

To the Hamilton community: Thank you, as always, for your loyal readership.

-Marty

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INSIGHTS & IDEAS

Put More Fans in the Stands

by Evan Klondar '11
Insights & Ideas Contributor

The Citrus Bowl, held last weekend, is one of the great annual events on campus, up there with the Great Names Speaker and Class and Charter Day. It's one of the few times a significant portion of the campus comes together for a single purpose—having fun, together.

We don't do it nearly enough; sporting events are regularly half-filled at best, concerts have mixed attendance, and parties don't qualify. Without the lure of free T-shirts and the potential to hurl oranges, the Citrus Bowl would not be an all-campus event. We really should line up behind our sports teams, but the college should encourage attendance and give incentives to students who go to games.

To this end, the college should, first, increase athletic investment. A new football field would attract better recruits. Providing better seating, even a few more rows of bleachers, at the track and soccer fields would make it much more comfortable for students to attend games.

With the current economy, the College has to tighten its belt, but athletic investment in this sense is not solely benefiting the athletes; spectators reap the majority of the rewards, and we become a stronger community as a result. Athletics is one of the few things which promotes the community to come together for a common cause—look at the outpouring of support for Peter Kosgei or the Women's Lacrosse team last year. Infrastructure improvements would make games more accessible to everyone.

We should also provide more incentives to attend games. Rally towels, free T-shirts, or even a free candy bar for everyone who attended would give people more of a reason to show up at games. This type of giveaway could become expensive, but even random drawings at halftime or in between periods would provide a stronger incentive to attend.

An alternative system is used by colleges like Northeastern: they employ a system which provides "points" to students who attend games. Games of lower importance are worth more points, giving students encouragement to attend non-conference games or the matches of some of the less popular teams. At the end of the season, students can redeem the points they accrue for merchandise from the college store—a T-shirt, sweatpants, or a water bottle, for instance.

We aren't incapable of showing up, packing the stands, and supporting our teams. We've done it a few times this year—Fallcoming's football game and the Citrus Bowl are the two best examples. But it would benefit everyone if we showed up more often; our sense of community would be stronger and our athletes would certainly get a morale boost. And while we can do it ourselves, the administration should do more than just send e-mails. Give the people who need a little something extra to walk to the Sage or the Field House or Steuben Field a reason to make the hike.

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The Citrus Bowl, which features a variety of incentives for students to attend, is one of the few athletic events that draws a large crowd every year.

Letters to the Editor

To the Hamilton community,

The Clinton Unit of the Salvation Army is again preparing for the Christmas season by inviting the surrounding communities to assist us in bell ringing, collection of food, and donation of gifts for children for the approximate 100 baskets we put together and deliver the week before Christmas. Our unit is under the supervision of the Syracuse chapter of the Salvation Army.

Monetary gifts made directly to our local unit allow us to use 90% of the donation toward the purchase of the potatoes, eggs, bacon, turkey and other items that are part of each food basket. The remaining foods are generously donated through school collections and kindness of people in the area. Bell ringing will be done beginning the day after Thanksgiving through the weekend before Christmas.

Volunteers to ring bells are needed for Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons. Please contact or leave a message for Donna Yando, Chairperson, at 853-8995. Gift trees are available in various stores in the Clinton area with age specific requirements to best serve the ages of the recipients.

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Dear campus community,

We realize that our performance on Friday night of Family Weekend was not up to your standards nor ours. It crossed the line of good taste and we apologize. We hope that you will continue to frequent our performances in the future.

Love,
The Buffers

Editor's Note: This letter was received Tuesday, November 11, 2008 and should have been published in last week's issue. We apologize for the delay.

Everyone has an opinion.

Share yours.

E-mail us at specii@hamilton.edu to write for Insights and Ideas.

Thumbs up

Can we skip the middle man this year and trade in our textbooks for drugs and beer at the Bookstore?

Kung Fu Panda.

Now that we have a black president, does this mean I'll finally learn what Kwanzaa is?

Adderall: Getting Hamilton students through finals since 1812.

Jello and pudding at Commons: the best tasting thing that looks like an aborted fetus.

Thumbs down

Being a Bills fan: What do the Buffalo Bills and possums have in common? Both play dead at home and get killed on the road.

Senior Gift nazis: Get off my back you insufferable wenches. Giving you money would be inconsistent with my plan to NEVER GIVE YOU MONEY.

Google search memory: Great. I got curious about Polynesian midget porn ONCE, and now everyone that uses my laptop knows about it.

I can hear your "study" music through your headphones. Be warned: This means that I know you can't hear me sneaking up on you to practice my Steven Seagal moves.

Who Cares?

Your totally awesome study abroad semester: Yeah, enjoy explaining the relevance of your semester in Fiji in every interview for the rest of your college career.

Varsity Christian Fellowship: Is there a JV squad that can't decorate cookies as well or something?

Join the Womyn's Center for 16 days against gender violence: Sorry, but I gave up chocolate for lent, and I'm not giving up my second favorite thing.

Sexual innuendo in Knit Happens e-mails: I humored you at first, but there are actually no two activities that are more unalike than sex and knitting... So stop.

by Steve Allinger '09, Jason Brown '09, Anthony DelConte '10 & Matt Fellows '09

Class Registration Revamp Required

*from **WebAdvisor**, page 4*

for four classes. Something is clearly wrong here.

Someone else told me that she needed to take a certain Economics class because this is the only time she could take it in order to fulfill the requirement for the Economics major. It is a testament to the quality of the Economics department here at Hamilton to say that their classes are bursting at the seams (at least for a school this size), but shouldn't the college encourage this enthusiasm and not hinder students' ability to take a required class for their major? She ended up getting in the class, but only after a frustrating struggle.

Most of these problems usually result from having bad registration times. Although I see that having a scheduled registration time prevents the entire school from signing up simultaneously, however, I think that we could come up with a more just, efficient process. In worst case scenarios, some students, including one of my friends, end up having only two classes because the other two were closed or waitlisted. My friend now has to find classes that she never really wanted to take – a situation which does not exactly correspond to that of an ideal open curriculum.

In sum, WebAdvisor needs some serious revising. We should not be so stressed that we sit at our desk 15 minutes before our registration time staring intently at the computer screen. We should not have to run across campus into order to get a signature on a piece of paper saying we can take a class that we already should have been able to sign up for. We should be able to take whatever interests us most. Finally, we should not have to suffer from confusion in a time when we should be excited for the next semester.

A Closer Look: The Hamilton College Varsity Streaking Team

By Jessie Brown '12
Features Writer

Of all the quirks Hamilton possesses, the streaking team is probably one of the most notable. After all, how many schools can say that they will see public displays of nudity at the first snowfall? Such events are not new; the roots of the streaking team lie before the merging of Hamilton and Kirkland Colleges. Although the team states clearly "no one claims to know anything," the first streaker on campus was a student at Kirkland who ran naked into the chapel. A member of the class of 2004 started an official team, and since then, it has only grown.

The team as it stands now is a very diverse group, comprised of students of all races, sexes, and class years. Despite their differences, they all have one common thread: the love of running around naked, shocking the more conservative audiences and bringing smiles to bemused observers. Those who have witnessed one of their runs have mixed reactions. "[Some] feel it's inappropriate; others embrace it," says a member of the team.

Unlike some organizations, the streaking team excludes no one, encouraging anyone brave enough to join their ranks to get involved. They consciously make an effort to allow for as much diversity as possible. For example, they have no mission statement. "The day I write a mission statement is the day I quit the team," says one member. Creating a mission statement, he goes on to explain, excludes people. As it is, everyone participates for his or her own reasons. "We streak to honor Hamilton," he smiles. "Without the streaking team, we're just another NESCAC school." The closest they get to a statement of purpose, according to another member, is "get naked, run around, have fun."

At first, the team received very little attention. In October 2004, however, the team toured other NESCAC schools, which garnered attention from Fox News. Other press includes a handful of articles in publications ranging from *The Spectator* to *The New York Times*.

According to one member, the administration cannot openly condone it, "but they accept it's part of the culture" and avoid involvement. The previous director of campus safety, Patricia Ingalls, held a similar attitude and attempted to protect the members by advising them to remain on campus to avoid arrest. Under the direction of Francis Manfredo, the new director, campus safety has cracked down on the team and is more proactively seeking to punish those involved. After an incident involving the theft of clothing, the team is more cautious about their runs. Two things are critical: making sure you meet up with your clothes and, even more essential, having an escape route. Though these two details are something they keep in mind, the team has no strict rules. Some of their runs are guaranteed – such as the aforementioned run for the first snowfall – but many are impromptu.

Anyone is free to join. To get on the mailing list, strip down and join in the fun.

Let It Snow, Let It Snow: Beverages to Keep You Warm!

By Nora Grenfell '12
Features Writer

Now that last weekend's party in Bundy has destroyed whatever tolerance you had left for Mariah Carey's All I Want For Christmas Is You, what's to look forward to this Holiday season? Luckily, the Spec is proud to bring you the best solstice concoctions of 2008.

HOLIDAY THEMED

Candy Cane Martini
1 ½ oz. vodka
1 tsp peppermint Schanpps
Mix all ingredients with ice in a shaker. Strain into glass, garnish with candy cane, and serve!

Hot Mint Chocolate
5-6 oz. Hot chocolate
1 oz. peppermint schnapps
Pour Schapps into a heatproof mug, then fill with hot chocolate and stir. Marshmallows optional.

Ginger Snap
¾ oz. Rum
½ oz. Ginger flavored Brandy
4 oz. Egg Nog
1 Ginger Snap
Mix ingredients in blender. Optional, but tasty: an extra ginger snap for dunking.

Egg-Nog Kahlua
1 oz. Kahlu
4 oz. Egg Nog
Nutmeg
Mix Kahlua with eggnog and sprinkle the nutmeg on top.

CLASSY

Pear and Cranberry Bellini (serves 10-12)
1 cup pear nectar
1 cup craberry juice cocktail
1 bottle Prosecco or other dry sparkling white wine (or ginger ale)
Mix all ingredients and serve.

Blood-Orange Champagne Cocktail
(serves 10-12)
2 1/4 cups freshly squeezed or frozen blood-orange juice
2 750-ml bottles champagne, chilled
Mix all ingredients and serve.

Holiday Citrus Punch
(serves 8)
2 cups bottled pear nectar
4 cups orange juice
2 cups chilled club soda
1 cup light rum
Orange slices
Set a fine-mesh sieve over a large pitcher or punch bowl; pour 2 cups bottled pear nectar and 4 cups orange juice through sieve into pitcher. Before serving, stir in 2 cups chilled club soda and, if desired, 1 cup light rum. Pour into glasses over ice; garnish with orange slices.

VIRGIN

Peppermint Hot Cocoa
(serves 8)
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 quart milk
½ cup semisweet chocolate chips (3 ounces)
7 peppermint sticks; 3 crushed (1/4 cup), 4 left whole
Salt
1. Place cocoa in a medium saucepan. Gradually whisk in milk until cocoa dissolves. Add chocolate chips and crushed peppermint; simmer over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until chocolate and peppermint have melted, 8 to 10 minutes.
Bring to a boil and immediately remove from heat. Add salt. Ladle into mugs; serve each with a peppermint stick.

Mulled Cider
(serves 8)
1. 2 quarts apple cider (8 cups)
1. 4 strips lemon zest
1. 2 cinnamon sticks
1. 1 teaspoon whole allspice berries
1. 1 teaspoon whole cloves
In a large saucepan, bring cider, lemon zest, and spices to a boil; cover, and remove from heat. Let steep at least 20 minutes (or up to 4 hours). Ladle carefully into mugs, leaving most of the solids behind.

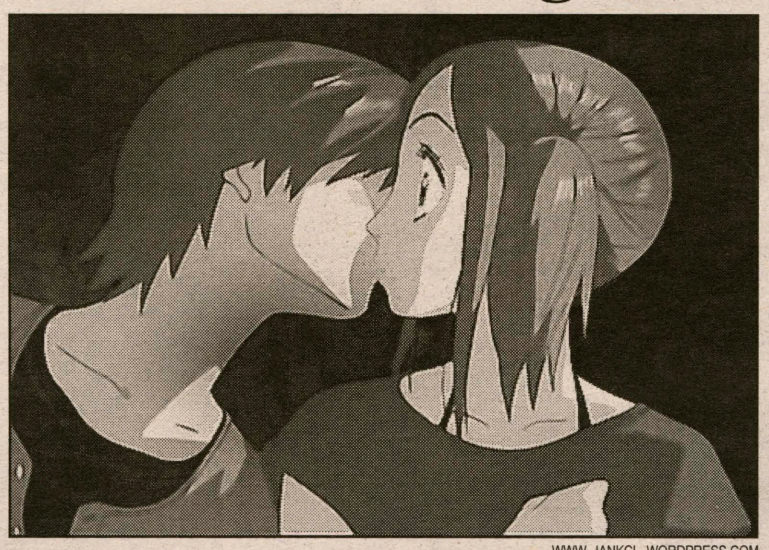
Apple Ginger Sparkler
(serves 6)
1. 1/4 cup Ginger Syrup
1. 4 1/2 cups sparkling apple cider
1. 6 cinnamon sticks
1. 6 pieces crystallized ginger
Place 2 tablespoons ginger syrup in each of six glasses. Fill glasses with ice cubes, pour in cider, and stir. Garnish with cinnamon sticks and fresh ginger, and serve.

All drinks are courtesy of marthastewart.com, whattodrink.com, and thatsthespirit.com.

Spectator Between the Sheets

How to Pass the Kissing Test

By Annabelle Moore '12
Features Columnist



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The question is not whether to smooch or not to smooch, but how to smooch.

So you've found someone you're interested in. You've amused him or her with your humor, smarts, and ability to maneuver to the front of the beer table at Bundy with unparalleled ease. You decide to take it out of the Friends Zone, and make The Move. Yep, that's right—the First Kiss. A lot of pressure has been put on the first kiss. Whether you experience (and your partner experiences,) fireworks will determine if, and how far, your relationship will progress. This is because there is one myth about kissing that every one of us, consciously or not, believes: how good of a kisser you are shows how good of a lover you are. A recent study by CNN shows that 56% of men and 66% of women have reported losing their attraction to someone after a bad kiss, leaving their partner stranded at first base. On Sex and the City, when Charlotte starts to date a bad kisser it is quickly determined that she must dump him. As Samantha frankly states, "A bad kisser is a nonnegotiable." To avoid repulsing your date, here are some classic mistakes to steer clear of:

The Lizard

In that same episode Carrie declares, "Stabby little pointy tongue, that is the worst of the worst." While a flat and wide tongue can choke your date, a pointy skinny one will stab her, so please, relax your tongue. Rapid movements in and out of your date's mouth are more likely to remind her of a reptile than a Romeo, so keep that to a minimum. Think about touching, nudging or rubbing her tongue with yours. This is more of a massage than a fencing bout.

The Washing Machine

Repetitive movements and way too much saliva are the two key characteristics of Washing Machine kissers. Variety is the spice of life, so mix up your patterns. An easy way to start is to write your name in script with your tongue into their mouth if you're nervous. Also, the ultimate goal should not be to drown your partner. Pull back and kiss her lightly on the lips while swallowing your saliva if you think it's becoming a problem.

The Cannibal

These kissers try to eat your face. Although a slow lip bite can be sexy, trying to fit my entire mouth, nose and chin into your mouth is most certainly not. There's really nothing else I can say to these people besides please stop.

The Clam-Mouth

These are the lazy tongue people, who let their tongue chill in either your mouth or theirs and expect you to do all the work. They are at the opposite end of the spectrum from The Lizard, and not any better. When discussing Clam-Mouth men, Samantha Jones concludes, "At that point I'd say, "Get that thing out of my mouth, put it in a cab and take its lazy ass home."

Winter Break Countdown

December

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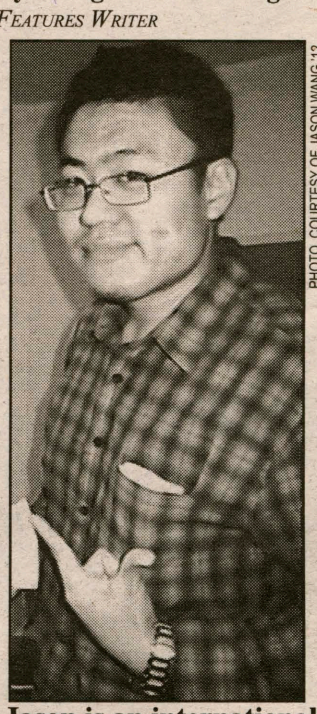
YOU'VE MADE IT!

From Where I Sit

Hamilton's International Perspectives

Exam Crunch Time

By Xiang "Jason" Wang '12
Features Writer



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Jason is an international student from China.

"Imagine there's no final,
It's hard to even try.
No failures awaiting us,
We all got an A plus.
Imagine all the students,
Passing final exams…

Clearly, parties are over and the pressure is increasing as we approach the end of the semester. Students have begun to spend more time studying their textbooks and less time getting drunk in ELS. Likewise, professors have started to stay in their offices longer and longer instead of going back home earlier like at the beginning of the semester.

"I have so much work to do this week that I do not think I am going to the Annex party tonight," said Jesica Lindor '12. Jesica said this last month when she was working on her philosophy paper while also preparing for her French midterm. Poor Jesica, I cannot imagine how she feels now when her workload will be doubling or even tripling as finals are around the corner. In fact, the Levitt Center has become her temporary home since our last conversation because she studies there from as early as 8:30 a.m. and as late as a new day starts. Switching our setting to CJ, math students rush into Professor Kantrowitz '82's office at 1:30 p.m. right after his last bite of lunch. They either seek the real analysis of the writing-intensive Real Analysis class or calculate with fury for the thinking-intensive Calculus class. According to Kantrowitz, students suffer from "mathematical sensitivity," which causes them to bite their own nails unconsciously when they get stuck and cannot find any chocolates nearby. I fear that the professor will have to spend all of his salary buying chocolates for the anxious and frustrated students over the next two weeks.

Over these past weekends, to my biggest surprise, dozens of students have already gotten up and studied in the KJ lobby as early as 8:00 a.m. compared to their usual noon wake-up time. Even though some of the girls' eyes are half-closed and some of the guys' shirts are misbuttoned, I still admire their hardworking but somewhat masochistic way to deal with their hangovers.

Both a student's class year and major increase the intensity level of the final exam crunch. After surveying students on campus, I have made two conclusions that apply to the student body. First, upperclassmen overwhelmingly believe that they are more under pressure than first years and sophomores are. The senior theses certainly have become the number one fun-killer for most of our seniors. Mohammad Haider '09 (a.k.a "Z man"), a world politics and economics double major, tells me to never become a senior and envies my free time to play around with snowflakes, while he carefully crafts his government thesis day after day. Secondly, Science Center folks and KJ kid- does tend to be busier than students who have different majors because they have exhausting lab experiments to conduct and more writing-intensive classes to take (okay, okay, please do not kill me if I am wrong).

How can we deal with exam pressure? Well, as an "experienced" first year, I can offer three pieces of advice. First, do not skip any classes. In general, professors will give specific sections for reviewing during the very last weeks before the finals. Therefore, students receive explicit directions about what their instructors plan to test them on during the finals. Obviously, one would be dumb to miss those classes. Secondly, try to stay Facebook-free as much as you can to prevent distraction. Instead of "poking" your friends on Facebook, you can cry with them in the library. Finally, make sure you have a good night's sleep before taking your exams. Taking good care of your brain will not only prevent your saliva from spreading on your exam sheet if you happen to fall asleep half way through, but it will also help you to focus better. Anyway, let's cross our fingers and hope we all survive the exams.

You may say I'm a failure,
But there're more than one.
I hope you'll never join us,
My humor needs to be understood."

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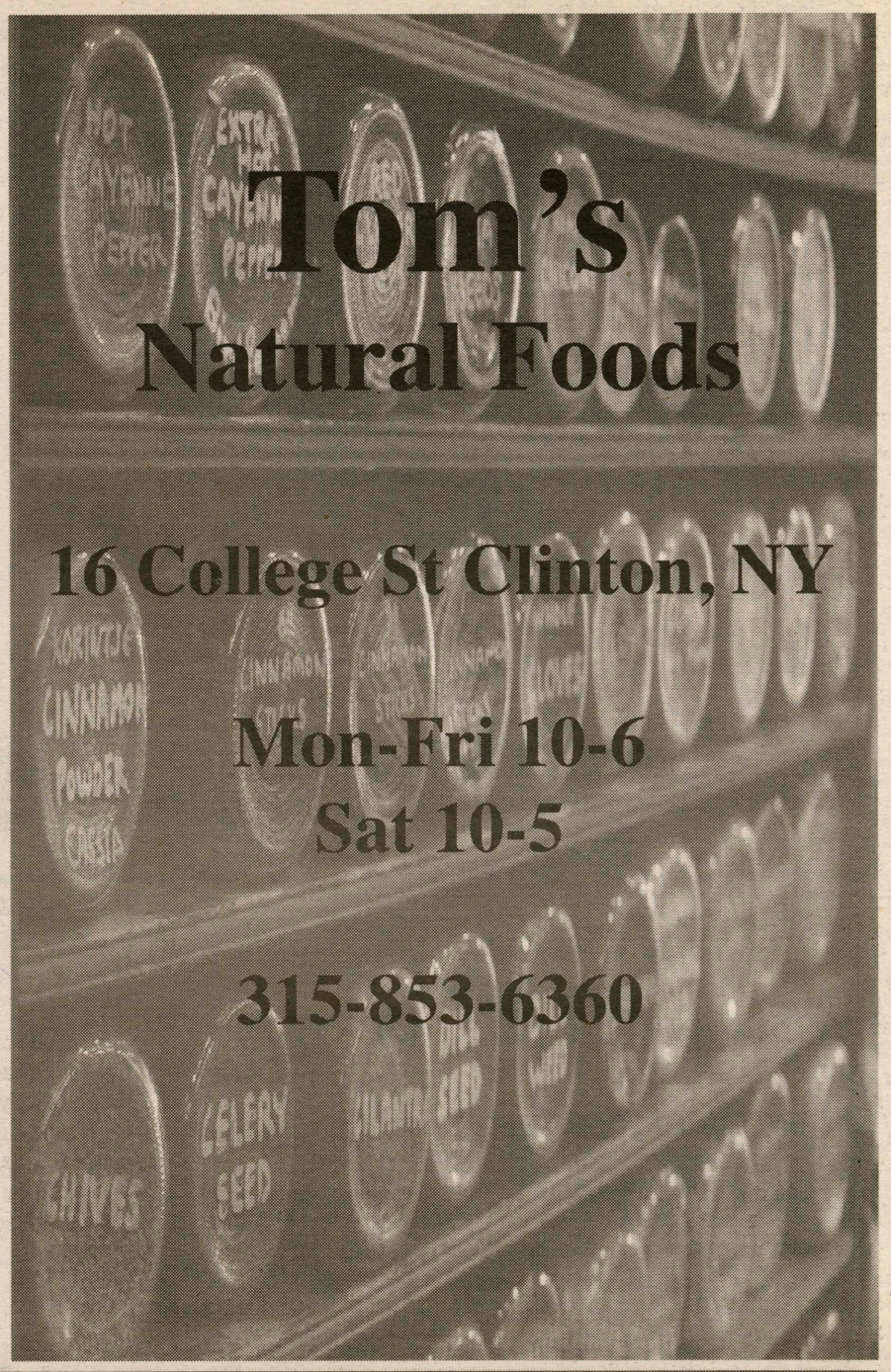

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Holiday Wish-And Diss-List

The Best & Worst Entertainment Gifts of 2008

by Rachel Pohl'11
Arts & Entertainment Writer

Wish

(in no particular order)

1. *Love Actually* DVD
2. The New MacBook
3. Full collection of *The Office*
4. *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer
5. *808s & Heartbreak* by Kayne West
6. *The Dark Knight* DVD
7. *WALL-E* DVD
8. *In Rainbows* by Radiohead
9. *I am... Sasha Fierce* by Beyonce
10. Apple 16 GB iPod Touch

Diss

(in no particular order)

1. *Gigli* DVD
2. Tickets to see Girl Talk at Colgate
3. *The Love Guru* DVD
4. Season of *Viva Laughlin*
5. Verizon's *Chocolate* cell phone
6. any Taylor Swift CD
7. *Beverly Hills Chihuahua* DVD
8. Jennifer Lopez's *Brave* CD
9. Tickets for *Tarzan* on Broadway
10. *Disaster Movie* DVD

Untitled @ Large Produces

By Alex Ossola '10
Arts & Entertainment Writer

During the next semester, Untitled @ Large will present several productions, including *Columbinus*. Untitled @ Large is a student-run organization that facilitates theater productions that are put on by students. The organization helps motivated students by assisting with funding, budget proposals, publicity and reservations for rehearsal and performance spaces.

According to Executive Board member Chelsea d'Aprile '09, "Untitled @ Large gives students a unique opportunity to involve themselves with theater. We encourage non-theater students to participate, and we love including actors who have never even tried acting before." Several shows next semester will be produced by Untitled @ Large, including *Closer* (a collaboration of Rouvan Mahmud '11, Georgia Mierswa '11 and others), *Those the River Keeps* (directed by Adam Bauer '10), and *Columbinus*.

Columbinus is directed by Stephen Michel '10. The play is about the buildup to and aftermath of the Columbine school shootings in 1999 "It's definitely not a comedy," Steve said. Steve chose this play for a variety of reasons. He said, "I saw it when it first came out in 2003, and it's very well put-together and beautiful from a dramatic perspective. It has some general themes of high school in America and in suburbia, loneliness, and disappointment in a very broad sense. It's an incredibly powerful play, it's imminent and hits home. Everyone remembers Columbine and more recently the Virginia Tech shootings; I think it hits home even closer because of our location on a college campus. This play can speak to anyone who has ever felt alone in a crowd." Auditions for *Columbinus*, held this past week, resulted in an unprecedented turnout. Steve says, "People came out of the woodwork, people who had never done theater before. The talent came out of nowhere. Casting was a really difficult process." *Columbinus* is also a full-length play, which is unusual for a performance through Untitled @ Large. "It's challenging, but it's never been done, so I'm really excited about it," gushed Steve.

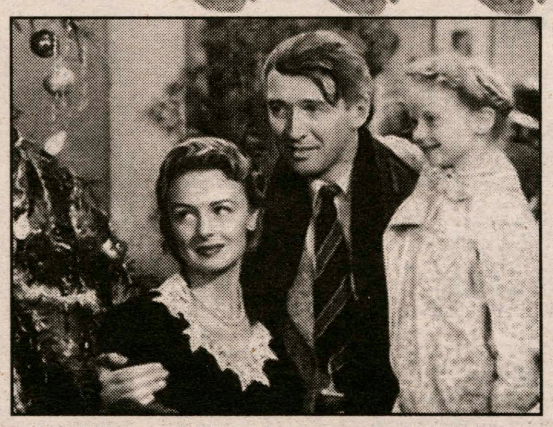
Although Untitled @ Large is moving toward putting on full-length plays such as *Columbinus*, it also has other goals regarding different types of shows it intends to encourage. "We're really trying to encourage people to do musicals this semester. Last year we didn't have any, although people wanted to. We may get to do one that would happen late in this coming semester, if at all. It would provide a unique synthesis of the music and theater departments that are sometimes very separate," says Chelsea. *Columbinus* will probably go up before Spring Break, and the other Untitled @ Large performances will vary throughout the semester. If you would like to know more information about Untitled @ Large or would like to participate in one of the upcoming productions, email Chelsea a cdaprile@hamilton.edu.

LETTUCE HEAD

Presented by Joseph Kazacos '09 & Joshua Hicks '09

It's a Wonderful Life

This timeless classic by Frank Capra is one of the greatest holiday films ever made. While the film does not focus on the birth of Jesus, the story of George Bailey's realization that his life is more than meaningful carries a message that we should all consider. Imagine the people that you see every day, and then imagine not seeing them. What would your life be like without your best friend? What would their life be like without you? George, struggling financially and emotionally, wishes he had "never been born," and an angel grants him his wish, which teaches him a valuable lesson. This film teaches us the importance of caring for each other and reflecting on those who always keep us in their prayers and best wishes. It's A Wonderful Life, starring Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey, Donna Reed as his lovely wife Mary, and Lionel Barrymore as the evil Mr. Potter is a 5-Lettuce-Head-classic. Hold your breath, fight the tears, and as the film says, get ready for the "chance of a lifetime." You'll never really know how big an impact people have on your life until the world spins without them, and you see that it really is a wonderful life. No matter who you are, watch this film, and call up somebody to tell 'em you love 'em!



"Teacher says, every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings."
from It's a Wonderful Life

***It's a Wonderful Life* is a classic tale of love, family, and the beauty of being alive.**

Wanted

What happens when you take the visual tantalization of *The Matrix*, attempts to recreate a *Da Vinci Code*-like backstory, the absurd stunts of X-men, and throw it all into a blender? You get Wanted. Although everything is pleasing to the eye, the story falls short when we are expected to believe some of the reasoning and feasibility of the "fraternity," an ancient organization of secret, ridiculously rich, and connected assassins devoted to retaining order among men by killing those who threaten it. Watch this movie if you want your mind to take a break, but your eyes are craving an amusement park. The special effects and surprisingly decent twist within the rest of the unbelieveability earn Wanted 3.2 lettuce heads.

NBC Stands Up for Diversity in Hamilton's Events Barn

By Rebekah Mintzer '09
Senior Editor

NBC's Stand Up for Diversity Tour, which played in the Fillius Events Barn on Saturday night, was certainly not your typical Campus Activities Board (CAB) sponsored standup comedy show. The three comedians, Michelle Buteau, Reese Waters, and Eric Andre provided plenty of punch-lines, but unlike most comedians who come to Hamilton, a great deal of the jokes they made were race-related.

Comedians who deal in race-related humor often tread on shaky political ground, but no one appeared to feel too scandalized by the humor of these three, because more often than not the races they joked about were their own. This self-depreciation gave them credibility, and over the course of the show, the mostly Caucasian audience began to laugh at itself, too. When the three comedians heckled the audience about being mostly rich white kids from the suburbs, Hamilton students proved that they could take the joke.

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NBC sponsors a college comedy tour to support entertainers from diverse backgrounds.

Buteau, Waters, and Andre, all hand-picked by NBC to headline its college comedy tour, elicited plenty of laughter from their audience; even a Hamilton College mom visiting her daughter seemed to find most of the jokes hilarious. Michelle Buteau, perhaps the funniest and raunchiest of the three, had the audience in hysterics with her unique delivery. She talked about her Jamaican-Haitan heritage, tattoos, being in college, and skydiving, and she lamented the fact that she was doing standup "in a barn."

The Stand Up for Diversity Tour was an event worth attending, especially for those who seek to talk about racial and cultural differences in a relaxed atmosphere. For a school like Hamilton that constantly grapples with issues of diversity, it was refreshing to see comedians of a variety of racial backgrounds who could entertain such touchy topics through laughter.

How Not to Embarass Yourself in Public

by Jennifer Vano '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Ever wonder what the difference between business casual, smart casual, chic casual, weekend casual, and casual casual are? On Dec. 11, 2008, Elizabeth Tantillo answered this question and many more for the members of the Hamilton Alumni Leadership Training Committee (HALT) in a private etiquette training lesson.

Here's our list of the top ten do's and dont's of proper etiquette:

1. Unless you are at a beach party for which you did not receive an invitation, flip-flops are not appropriate.

2. Slurping and shoveling is wrong--always. As Elizabeth Tantillo said, "you are not a dog."

3. Be clean, wash your hands, and invest in an iron.

4. Your napkin should immediately be placed on your lap, over both knees, when you sit down at the dining table. Unless you are at a lobster shack in Maine, napkin-bibs are not an option.

5. Clothing
Black tie: tuxedo/white shirt/black tie; gowns/cocktail dress. Women should not "wear a tuxedo type outfit [because] it is odd."
Semi-formal: suit/tie; cocktail dress
Business casual/dressy casual/country club casual/smart casual: no jeans, no flip flops, no straps, no skin

6. When you excuse yourself from the table, place your napkin on your seat.

7. Do not butter your entire dinner roll. Butter each individual piece just before you eat it.

8. If you are seated at a large table (more than 4), wait until at least 4 of the guests have been served before you begin eating.

9. Always bring the host or hostess of a social event a small gift, even if you know the person well or have been to their house many times before.

10. To signal to the waiter that you are resting but not quite finished eating, cross your fork and knife face down on your plate. If you have finished, place your fork and knife face down diagonally just right of six o'clock on your plate.

HOLIDAY HOROSCOPES

by Steve Allinger '09
Staff Seer

Aries: Sometimes the best present is a heartfelt letter...that provides directions to buried Somalian pirate treasure.

Taurus: The recent lunar activity has put you in a giving mood; unfortunately, recent GPA activity has put you in a community college.

Gemini: That wasn't eggnog.

Cancer: Kissing under mistletoe is a fun and storied custom, but you will soon find that, unfortunately, it is not legally enforceable.

Leo: According to *Love Actually*, Christmas is the best time to hit on someone drastically out of your league and have a chance at getting laid.

Virgo: Do not get too swept up in the commercialism of the holidays to forget the true meaning of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. Christmas is the day Santa Claus was born, Hanukkah celebrates the magical dreidel that spun for 30 consecutive days, and Kwanzaa is the day black people got pissed about not having a holiday in 1966.

Libra: Here's a suspicious thought: when is the last time you saw a Jewish person making a snowman? Never, that's when.

Scorpio: Be cautious during your holiday shopping. A worker was trampled to death at a Walmart, a shopper was gunned down in a Toys 'R' Us, and rumor has it that there are venomous Grizzly Bears marauding unchecked in Best Buy.

Sagittarius: The holidays are a time to think of those less fortunate than you, but not for too long; you don't want your decadent potato latkes, succulent Christmas hams, or mouth-watering fried okra to get cold.

Capricorn: It takes 20 minutes on Google to learn about the traditional foods of Kwanzaa and Hanukkah.

Aquarius: If a loved one presents you with a scented candle, board game, nothing, or a gift certificate to Dick's, they hate you and want you to die.

Pisces: Use the upcoming holiday break to sleep, and try to remember why school is worth it after the hell your professors put you through this week.

Review: *Frost/Nixon*

by Jennifer Vano '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Fierce tension. Aggressive Battle. Edge-of-your-seat action. No, I'm not talking about the newest horror flick, but rather Ron Howard's *Frost/Nixon,* set to be released everywhere December 25, 2008.

F/N depicts the groundbreaking interview between British reporter Frost, played by Michael Sheen, and Nixon, played by Frank Langella, three years after the Watergate scandel that debilitated Nixon's presidency and about which he remained silent for three years. The film, already nominated for 5 Golden Globes including Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Screenplay, Best Score and Best Director, airs Nixon (and Frost's) dirty laundry as revealed in that historical interview in 1977 and features the backstories that unfolded before and during.

While even Frost's team doubted the strength and quickness of his wit in the face of stone-cold and could-be evasive Nixon, Frost draws upon his own convictions to reveal not only his, but also Nixon's, passions and insecurities. The most important revelation, though, would be truth, with which the public would have to contend.

Frost/Nixon was born from a collaboration amongst acclaimed and award winning Imagine Entertainment and Working Title Films, and producers Brian Grazer and Ron Howard joining Tim Bevan and Eric Fellner as producers.

For more information visit www.frostnixon.net.

[SPAM:100%] What to Do When Spam Hits You

by Saad Chaudhry '12
Science & Technology Editor

A few weeks ago, Hamilton College's Information Technology Services (ITS) sent the entire campus an e-mail warning Hamiltonians of an "e-mail scam that arrives with subject 'mailbox shutdown notification.'" This type of e-mail scamming is called phishing, defined by ITS as "an e-mail message designed to lure you into providing personal information." In this case spammers were looking for login IDs and passwords.

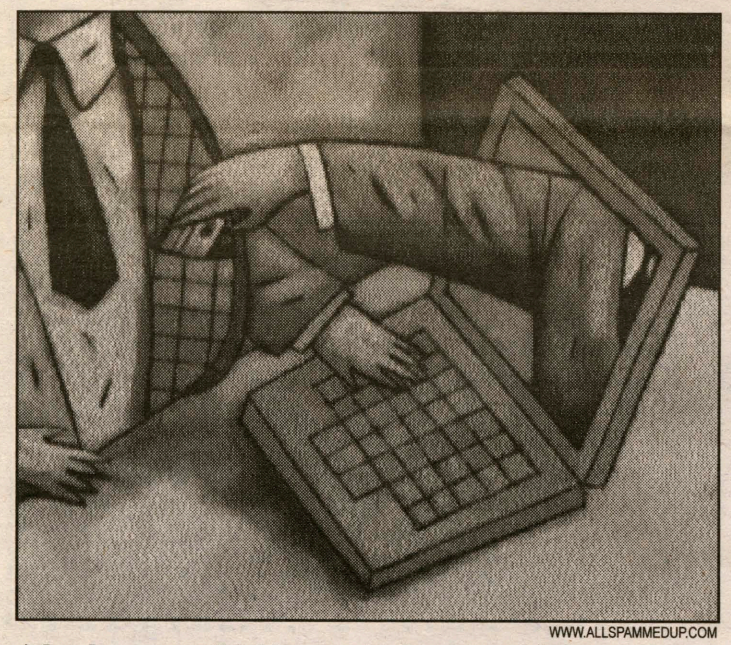
I asked Scott Paul, an administrative help desk support specialist, to further explain the phishing phenomenon and how many people it affects. He replied, "How many people fall for it depends upon how many people are initially affected. This system works by how some people respond to the hacker's e-mail, and if they give information, the spammer than moves on to the people connected to the individuals that provided that information. With this particular message, most people who will fall or have fallen for [the scam] are going to give up or have given up their Hamilton e-mail and password. And when these people are compromised, the hacker will use their accounts to contact other people either in their e-mail history or in their address books."

When Ted Fondack, another administrator for ITS, was asked what Hamilton's ITS would do for students who have fallen for such scams, he answered, "ITS would change the password, and contact the student or employee of the compromised account and ask if it was a weak password or did you fall for a phishing technique like this? Additionally, we would verify whether the student's security was made vulnerable only on the e-mail account, or in other areas as well."

Paul also provided some useful tips that may help the smart Hamiltonian from getting scammed: "Never give out your password via e-mail, because it is unsecure. It is pretty much a useful technique with any situation regarding personal information such as date of birth and social security number. Also, make sure that you have a strong password, with numbers, symbols, and capitals in the password. Change the password sometimes too, especially if you gave it out to a friend or you feel someone may know of it." On a similar note, Fondack added, "There are certain virus programs that really look like real antivirus programs, and its very tempting to click on them, but before doing so, the Hamilton students should always call the help desk to verify the reliability of the program if they are in the least bit suspicious."

Futhermore, Fondack explained that social networks that are popular amongst college students, such as facebook, are also being targeted more and more through similar phishing scams. "For instance," Fondack explains, "just today (Wednesday), 120 million facebook account holders were targeted by a very well executed, grandiose phishing attack for which many users fell for, and are now compromised. If your facebook gets compromised, then the hacker will use your account to get personal information about your friends as well."

Additionally, Paul pointed out how Hamilton College is also blacklisted by internet service providers whenever a well-developed scamming attack, such as the one the campus was recently warned about, hits the college's servers. "We get put on blacklists with internet providers, such as Comcast, and then we have to get in good standing in order not to get rejected. These service providers learn of the Hamilton network's vulnerability when a flood of false e-mail messages come from the Hamilton account from the Hamilton network out into the broader internet. The hacker does this by using the contacts of the compromised Hamilton students or faculty members."



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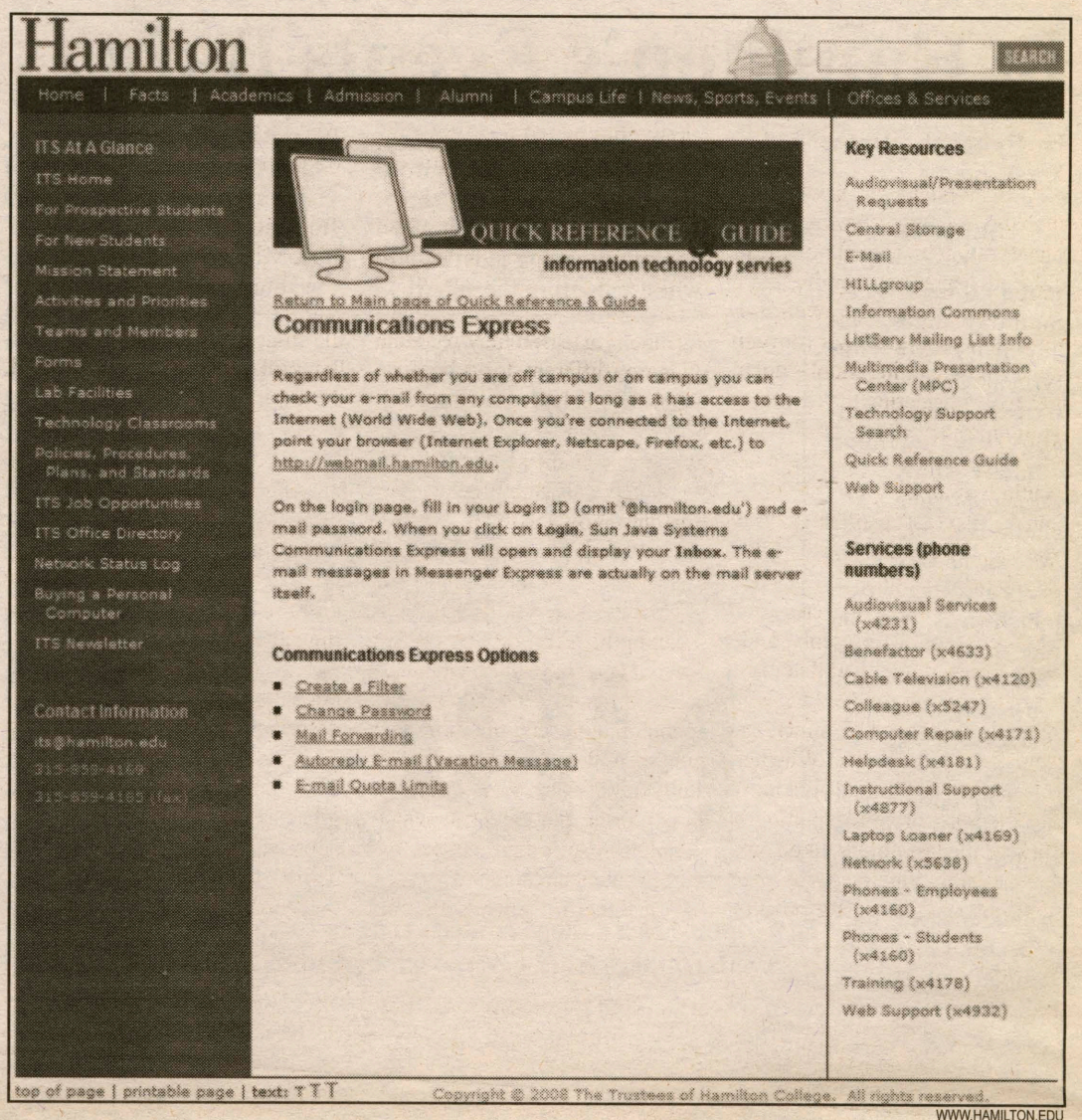
A hacker uses phishing to steal personal information.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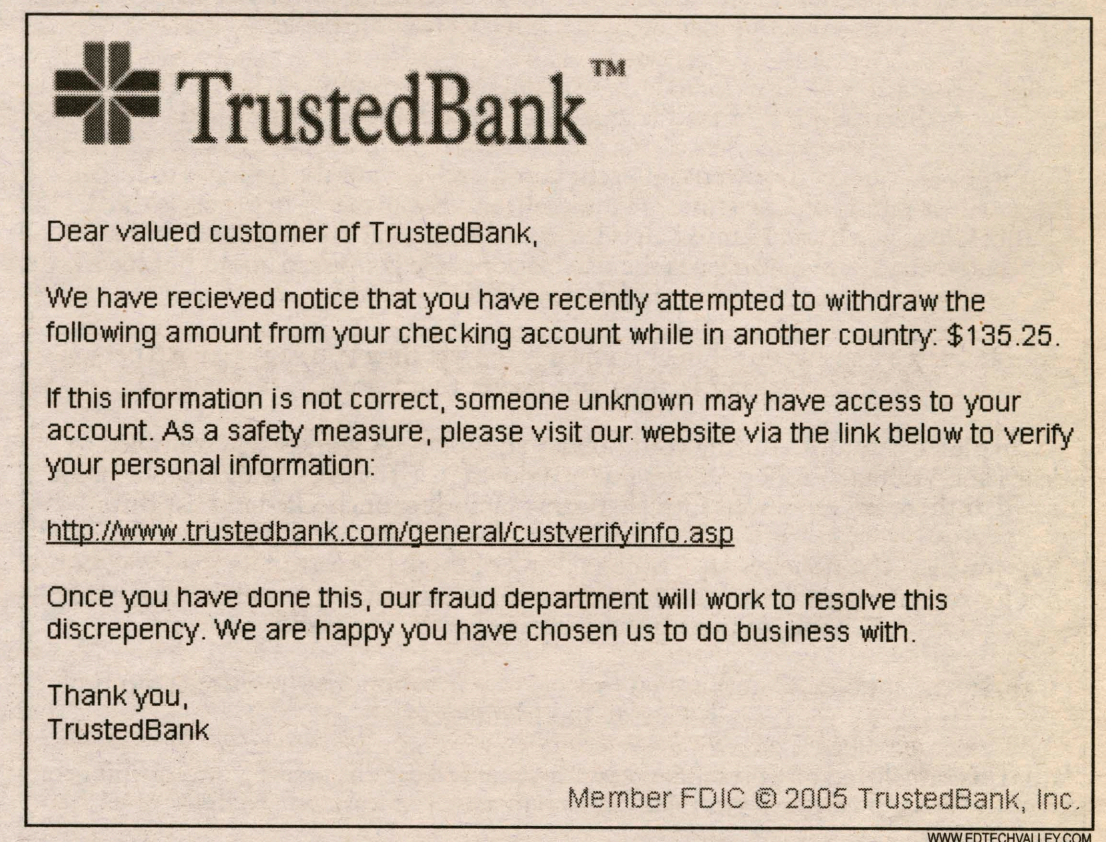
Hamilton's ITS website has useful information for creating new passwords and filters.

mised." Therefore, Hamilton College is constantly on defense due to the lack of any ability to threaten the hackers, and such a network thus becomes a ground for target practice for any hacker who otherwise would not be so willing to disrupt a network where his or her identity could be revealed.

This is an important reason why students and faculty members of Hamilton College need to be more particularly careful when dealing with any suspicious content on Hamilton's network. Paul and Fondack also urge students to take advantage of all the resources the ITS website has to offer, such as the ability to create your own spam filter, white list, and black list. For more information on how to form any of these filters and to learn more about how to protect your computer from viruses, phishing, etc, go to http://www.hamilton.edu/college/its/ or call the ITS Help Desk at 315-859-4181.



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Holiday Season Shopping is Here: Is the Most Expensive Gift Always the Most Appreciated?

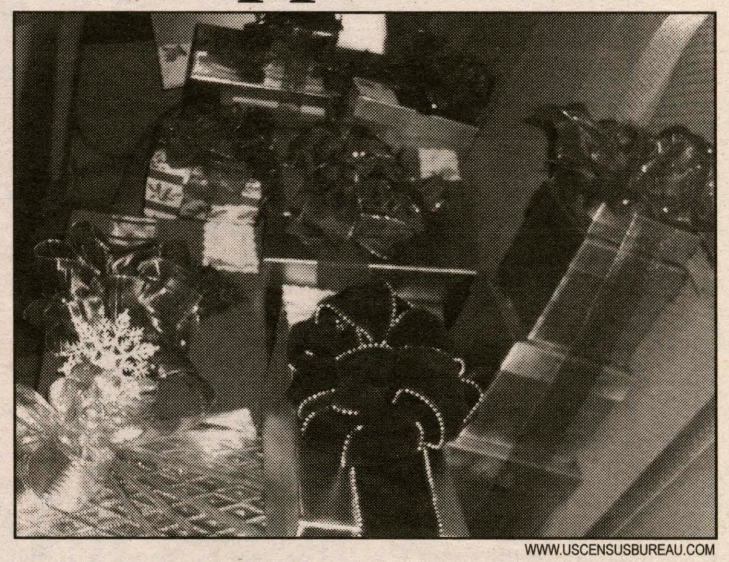
by Nicholas Berry '09
Sci & Tech Lead Writer

The holiday season is already upon us, and with it comes the annual tradition of exchanging presents with friends and family. As a child, you could get away with giving your parents gifts that you had made at home or in school – not a bad deal considering the toys you no doubt received in return. But now that you're considered an "adult," your gift-giving responsibilities have probably increased such that those self-made gifts no longer seem to cut it. Instead, you're forced to brave crowded malls in search of presents, and, many times, it may feel that only a relatively expensive gift will uniquely convey how much its recipient means to you. Whether you've already finished your holiday shopping or you're putting it off until the last minute like I am, you probably already know that surviving the gift-giving process with your finances intact can be challenging on a college student budget. But, in today's woeful economic conditions, you may find it more difficult than ever.

A new study published by Stanford researchers in the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology, however, suggests that you don't have to bankrupt yourself to buy the perfect gift for that special someone in your life, offering a new glimmer of hope for gift-givers everywhere, especially the financially strapped ones. According to the researchers, you don't have to worry about cutting back on holiday gift spending during hard times for fear of disappointing others, at least if they're adults (kids are a different story), because people appreciate receiving modestly priced gifts as much as they do expensive ones, although gift-givers typically don't realize this. For currently unknown reasons, gift givers are frequently unable to use their own experience as gift receivers to identify especially meaningful gifts for friends and loved ones. Instead, givers incorrectly assume that the more they spend on a present, the more that present will be appreciated. The study reflects a broader interest in exploring the extent to which people can shift their perspective during social encounters.

In three different experiments conducted by the researchers in their study, gift givers reported that relatively expensive purchases best conveyed their thoughtfulness and consideration, and they spent more on presents to impress gift recipients with their caring, not their cash. Alternatively, recipients reported that they preferred gifts they really needed or that had special personal meaning, regardless of price. In the first experiment, the researchers surveyed recently engaged couples where one person (in this sample, the man) gave an engagement ring to the other (in this sample, the woman). Women were asked to rate how much they appreciated the ring, to what extent they felt thankful for it, and how pleased they were to receive it. Men, on the other hand, rated the extent to which their fiancées appreciated the rings. The researchers found that while men expected women would appreciate rings more as their cost increased, women cited no more appreciation for expensive rings than for inexpensive ones.

In a second experiment, participants were randomly asked to describe a birthday gift that they had recently gave or received. They first estimated how much the gift cost and then completed the appreciation assessment described above. Even when the possibility of receivers inflating their reported appreciation, especially for smaller gifts, so they would be perceived well by others was controlled for, givers, not receivers, rated more expensive items as the more appreciated gifts. Finally, a third experiment randomly assigned participants to different roles in a hypothetical gift exchange of either a small gift (i.e. a CD) or a large gift (i.e. an iPod). Once again, givers thought recipients would appreciate the iPod more than a CD and ranked the iPod as the more thoughtful gift. Recipients, however, reported comparable appreciation for both gifts, even accounting for the social desirability of the present.



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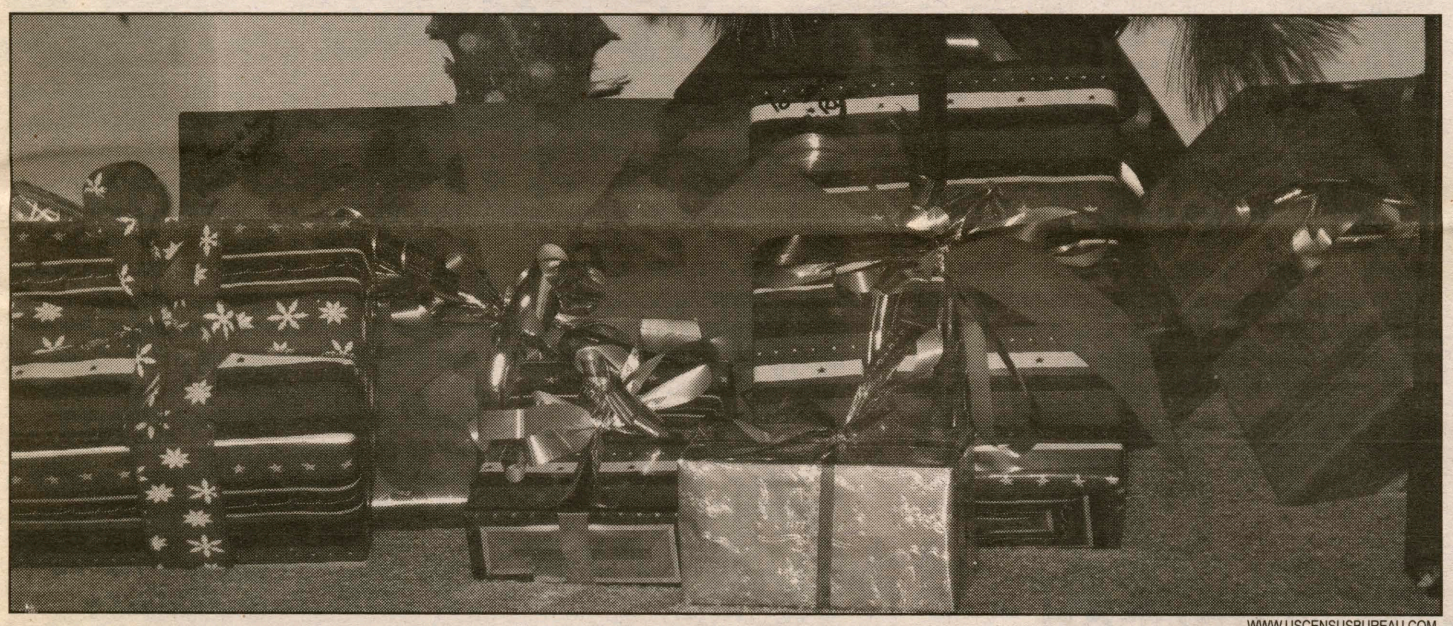
Presents are a major part of many holiday traditions.

The researchers acknowledged that their study didn't address several factors, such as givers' concerns about how someone other than the recipient reacts to the gift, the widespread assumption that the effort expended in finding a gift outweighs its price, and that givers use price as a guideline when selecting gifts for those perceived as "hard to buy for." The researchers also noted that their findings may not apply to children, as children focus more on the nature of the gift than they do its source. Furthermore, the researchers believed future work needs to study pairs of givers and receivers with each person rating the extent to which the same gift item is or should be appreciated.

Nevertheless, the researchers were able to draw some conclusions from the results of their study. Givers wrongly assume that the money spent on gifts buys recipients' appreciation. In actuality, lavish gifts are often viewed by their recipients as ostentatious gestures rather than generous ones. Also, the prospect of having to return the favor after receiving an obviously expensive gift may diminish the pleasure of receiving that gift. Furthermore, in each experiment, the giver and receiver focused primarily on his/her own experience rather than that of an exchange partner. In other words, givers view more expensive gifts as more thoughtful because they were the ones who actually know all the gift options available. The recipients, however, only know that a gift in hand is better than no gift at all, so they're relatively less concerned with price. Most importantly, because gifts strengthen and reaffirm relationships, recipients tend to accept those gifts that fall within a broad range of monetary values. Thus, although it may seem clichéd, it really is the thought that counts.



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Recent studies have shown that the psychological appreciation of a gift is not linked how much the gift cost.

Did You Know That? *Wacky Facts: Happy Holidays to All!*

by Elijah LaChance '10
Science & Technology Editor

- *If each family reduced holiday gasoline consumption by one gallon (about twenty miles), the U.S. would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by one million tons.*
- *The average American spends $800 on gifts over the holiday season.*
- *In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the USA to declare Christmas a legal holiday.*
- *According to a national survey, 70 percent of Americans would welcome less emphasis on gift giving and spending.*
- *The idea for using electric Christmas lights came from an American named Ralph E. Morris in 1895. The new lights proved safer than the traditional candles, which often started fires by falling in the dry Christmas trees.*
- *About 40 percent of all battery sales occur during the holiday season.*
- *Christmas trees are edible. Many parts of pines, spruces, and firs can be eaten. The needles are a good source of vitamin C. Pine nuts and pine cones, are also a good source of nutrition.*
- *Half of the paper America consumes is used to wrap and decorate consumer products.*
- *American billionaire Ross Perot tried to airlift 28 tons of medicine and holiday gifts to American POW's in Vietnam in 1969.*
- *The sugar rush of a fruitcake is biochemically canceled out by its alcohol content.*
- *Resurrected by Budweiser in the 20th century, the phrase "Wassup!" comes from a Christmas drinking game from the Middle Ages in which players chugged hot wassail. The first to vomit - or "wass-up" – would have good luck in the coming year.*
- *The yule log was originally a symbol of good digestion following a Christmas feast.*
- *In 1907, Oklahoma became the last USA state to declare Christmas a legal holiday.*
- *Due to the time zones, Santa Claus theoretically has 31 hours to deliver gifts. This means that he would have to visit 832 homes each second. Dear Virginia: On second thought...*
- *Children whose families celebrate both Hanukkah and Christmas have a 97 percent higher chance of getting socks as a gift.*

Home, Home on the International Space Station

by Jessica R. Carroll '12
Sci & Tech Writer

Many people in the world have read the book *Dune* by Frank Herbert, a science fiction story focusing on the adventures of a boy, Paul, as he tries to uphold the family name. That is not the important part. What is relevant to this article is that the world is mostly a desert, with water being the most precious resource imaginable. As such, they have become so technologically advanced that almost all water is conserved. The locals wear suits that fit over their nose and mouth in order to catch respiration's loss and they also catch and process bodily fluids of various natures.

Until recently, the world in which we live today has not had any sort of water purification technology like this. The best we have done is inefficiently desalinize seawater. Recently, however, the international space station- a collaborative effort between nations to have a semi permanent laboratory in space- was outfitted with a system that could help revolutionize travel.

The mission up to the station included astronaut Christopher J. Ferguson, commander, astronaut Eric A. Boe, pilot, and astronauts Sandra H. Magnus, Stephen G. Bowen, Donald R. Pettit, Robert S. (Shane) Kimbrough and Heidemarie M. Stefanyshyn-Piper who are all mission specialists. These seven are the STS-126 crew and were excited for the mission to begin.

Once complete, the station will double its capacity from three to six residents, which will allow for more scientific experimentation since there can be a delegation of who is working on the station and who on the science. This is the 27th shuttle trip to the space station that NASA has made. This change might also decrease the number of trips needed to supply the space station with water, since it will be able to recycle so much.

The $250 million addition includes a system that recycles 93 percent of the water in the station, including urine. An astronaut on the mission who will be staying up in space for the next few months is unconcerned about the gross factor, stating that she doesn't "anticipate any problems with the purity of the water once we get this up and running correctly." In fact, the purification used on the shuttle will produce water cleaner than that of many municipal water systems.

The mission to the station is not just for the delivery of new equipment. While they are aloft, many of the crew will be working on the space station itself before returning home. They need to transfer cargo both into and out of the station into the shuttle but also perform spacewalks.

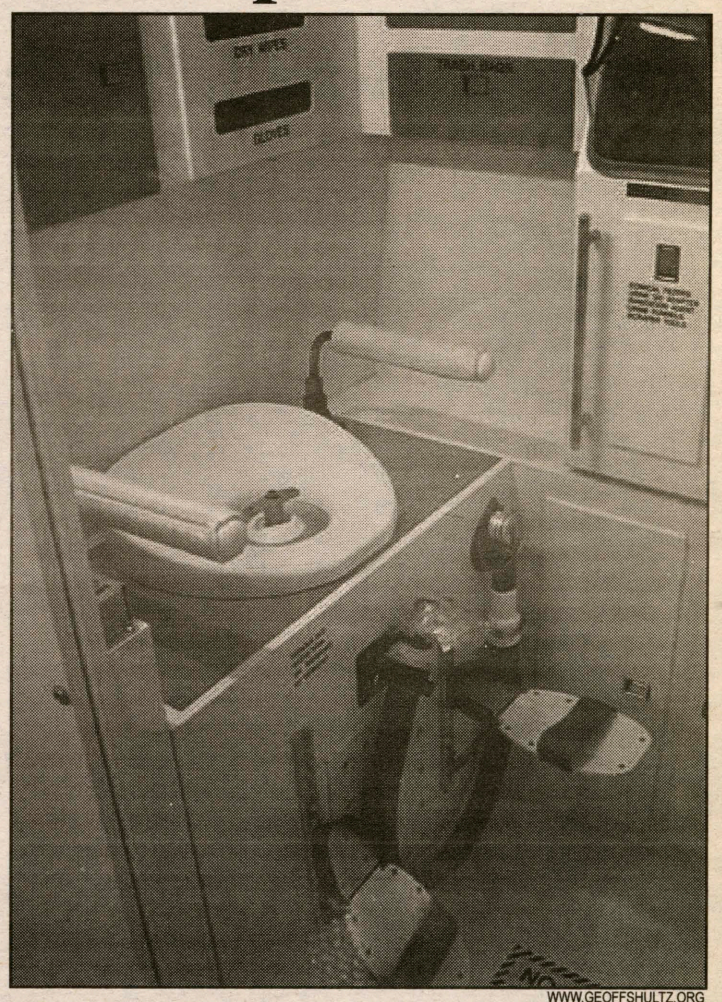
Four of the astronauts will be performing planned spacewalks, and many of them will be targeted towards the repair of a balky rotary joint. The joint has been observed to have small metal shavings in its moving parts, which is indicative of excessive friction and shredding of the joint itself.

This joint is one that helps to rotate the solar panels in the direction of the sun to ensure that they receive enough light to power the station. Understandably, it is quite imperative that the station be receiving power at all times at maximum capacity in order to keep the life support mechanisms functioning.

The problems were discovered when NASA noticed that it took more power than usual to turn the joint, indicative of something stuck inside it. It also made the station vibrate, showing that the debris was not uniform.

The astronauts will clean the metal shavings from the joint as they could catch and cause further problems before heavily lubricating the joint. What is strange, however, is that the similar joint on the other side of the station is functioning perfectly. This joint will be lubricated as a precaution against wear and tear.

Overall, this mission is not about adding another module but about adding appliances and living amenities. The station program manager, Michael T. Suffredini stated that "when the crew leaves, the station won't look any different on the outside, but it'll be dramatically different on the inside." In only the fifteen days that they are up in the shuttle these astronauts will help the world take a big step towards scientific research in zero-gravity and also increase the viability of affordable water-purification.



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NFL Rivalry at a Glance: Chicago Bears - Green Bay Packers

by Daniel Hagemeier '12
Sports Editor

We will end our series about the great rivalries of the National Football League with one of the oldest in football history: the ongoing battle between the Chicago Bears and the Green Bay Packers.

Both teams have met once so far in the season and Green Bay dominated the Bears in a 37-3 victory at home. In week 16, the Packers have to travel to Soldier Field to take on the Bears again. The outcome of that game may be an important factor in the hunt for one of the few remaining playoff spots. While it looks as if the Packers have no chance to make the playoffs this year, Chicago is only one game behind the division-leading Minnesota Vikings. The Bears' running game exploded this season with the addition of rookie running back Matt Forte and Green Bay took a big hit with the loss of Brett Favre even though Aaron Rodgers has been a valuable replacement so far.

The rivalry between both teams has seen many great games in the past, and every football fan is looking forward to the games between these two teams who are playoff contenders in almost every season.

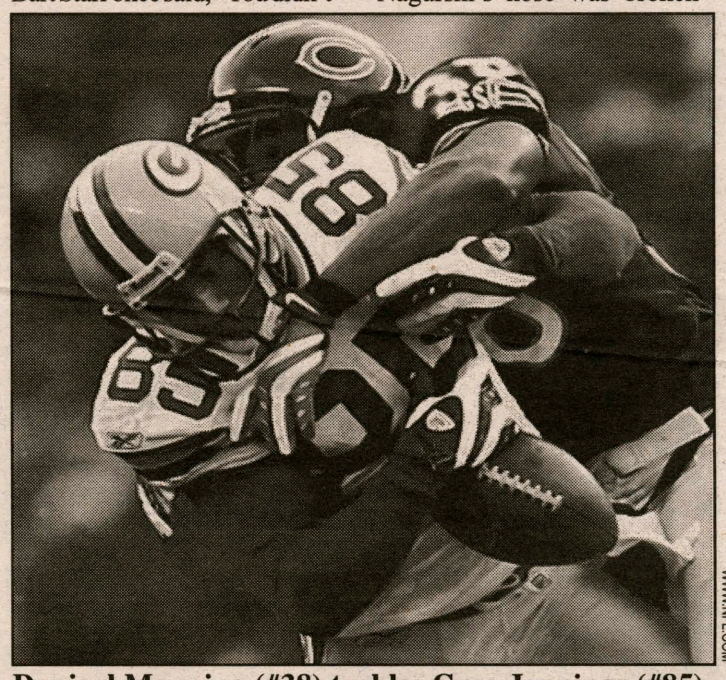
The rivalry between both teams started with the love-hate relationship between the teams' two owners and founders, Chicago's George Halas and Green Bay's Earl Lambeau. Both were driven by the desire to beat the other team and after initial difficulties, Lambeau built a Packers team that would win three consecutive league championships.

In 1925, the Packers won their first game against the Bears 14-10. During the game Cub Buck, whose nose was broken by a Bears' player in the first meeting of both teams in 1919, broke the arm of a Chicago player after the player went for his nose again.

One of the Packers' players of that time nailed the atmosphere of the rivalry in its early stages with his quote, "Bears week was no fun for us. Lambeau wouldn't even let us smile that week."

Halas and Lambeau were so committed to winning and hating each other that they would not even shake hands after the games. When Vince Lombardi, arguably the greatest football coach of all time, was hired by the Packers in 1959, he continued the rivalry and made his players accept that you had to hate everything about the Bears. Chicago in turn was the only team during Lombardi's reign that could stand up to the Packers, beating them twice in 1963 and handing them their only two losses of the season. They would move on to defeat the Packers in the Western Conference and to eventually win the NFL title game. Lambeau, Lombardi and Halas founded a rivalry that carried on during the years.

Green Bay's quarterback Bart Starr once said, "You didn't have to work hard to get up for the Bears because you knew [you] would be ready to play."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Danieal Manning (#38) tackles Greg Jennings (#85).

This atmosphere would be passed on from the veterans to the rookies who would fight with the same temperament against their hated rival. Two particular players who embodied this spirit were Clarke Hinkle and Bronko Nagurski, both 200 pound fullbacks. Their most memorable match came in 1933 when Hinkle, who was headed for a touchdown after a fake punt, cut back to hit the closing in Nagurski head first. Nagurski's nose was broken and the collision between the two players echoed through the stadium.

When a Packers assistant coach spoke to Hinkle after the tackle, he stated: "I got that son of a b****. Now I'm happy."

In another meeting between both teams in 1986 when Mike Ditka was head coach of the Chicago Bears, Packers defensive end Charles Martin wore a towel that had a list of Bears players written on it. In the second quarter, Martin picked up Bears' Quarterback Jim McMahon who was first on his list from the ground and slammed him on the turf even after the QB had thrown his pass.

The rivalry also features some of the best moments of NFL history. Both teams combined for 21 NFL championships, four Super Bowls and 52 Pro Football Hall of Famers (with a 28-24 edge for the Bears). The Bears currently lead the overall series 90-80-6. Chicago and Green Bay lie only 207 miles apart and playing the other team was not only the most important thing for the players and coaches but also for the fans.

One quote by a fan that sums up all the energy and engagement that goes into this rivalry is the following by Art Olstad, "We always get tickets from the Bears' office for the game in Green Bay, and we always sit in the end zone, three rows from the top of Lambeau Field. One year, my friend, Dick Flynn, had his leg amputated from the knee down a couple of weeks before the game. But there was nothing that could keep him from going to see the Bears and Packers. He hopped all the way up to row 60, and it was cold as hell that day."

Little Squash Center Serves as Stomping Ground for Hamilton

by Brandon Leibsohn '10
Sports Editor

The Little Squash Center has provided Hamilton with a great home court advantage. Last weekend, both the men's and women's squash teams played host to a round-robin tournament, with four games packed into a three-day schedule. The tournament gave the Continentals a chance to face competition from all over the nation with Stanford University travelling all the way from California. Hamilton finished exceedingly well in both sides of the tournament by collecting a total of five out of the eight matches in which they played. Most impressively, the Lady Continentals have jumped out to a 5-2 regular season record and are on pace to finish with their best year since 1992 when they went on to an 18-4 season.

In the first match of tournament, the women's squad played host to St. Lawrence University. Hamilton took charge early on and never let up easily defeating their opponents 9-0. In every single one of the individual games, the Continentals swept their opponents, giving up only seven points once. The top three players on the team took care of business providing St. Lawrence with little opportunity of making the match competitive. Kelly Whipple '10 rebounded from a shaky start to the year, with her first victory. She gave up only one point in three games against St. Lawrence's top competitor. Krissy Rubin '10, playing the second position, secured her third win of the year with an offensive attack that kept her opponent on the move. Alyssa Bawden '12 displayed the moxie of a much more experienced player with her dominating win in the third position.

The most spirited action came in the second match of the tournament as the Lady Continentals took on Mount Holyoke College. Although Hamilton came away with a 5-4 loss, the match provided the team with a great chance to experience adversity and develop an attitude of never giving in. The players in the sixth through ninth positions for the team swept their opponents and provided a look at the potential depth the team can rely upon during similar matches such as this in the future. Danielle Forsyth '11 did not let an opening game loss lower her confidence, as she came away blazing with three straight game victories to bring home a win for the squad. Jane Hannon '11, playing in the ninth slot, delivered a huge win by squeaking out point-after-point in a very close game.

The third match of the weekend, featured archrival Colgate University in a battle that was not even close. Colgate failed to deliver anything meaningful on the court and looked widely overmatched by Hamilton. A 9-0 win for the Lady Continentals rejuvenated the team after its close loss to Mount Holyoke only a few hours earlier. Leila Clifford '11 played one of her best games of the year and came away only losing one point throughout the three-game sweep. Anne Edelstein '11 did even better against her seventh slot foe when she did not allow any points in her victory.

An early morning match against Franklin & Marshall College last Sunday helped improve Hamilton's record to 5-2 for the year. Again, the team came out strong with a 9-0 sweep of its challenger. Madeleine Sullivan '09 scorched the court with her fifth win of the season, limiting her adversary to only six points in the three game sweep. Mary Lancaster '12 put forth great effort to secure her fourth straight victory. Playing in the eighth position, Lancaster has turned into a valuable member of the team and will make it future opponents think twice before they place one of their worse players up against her.

Equally impressive, the men's squad came away with two victories in its first homestand of the year. First up was Stanford, which may have still been a bit jet-lagged from their cross-country flight. Hamilton easily defeated Stanford for a 9-0 sweep. Its strong senior leadership turned in an extraordinary performance with four of the team's nine wins. John DeWitt '09 played up to his number one billing with three straight 9-2 game wins against the best Stanford had to offer. Sander Doucette '09 followed with the longest games of the match. He initially won his first two games without much trouble, but his opponent converted for two game wins to even the game. A 10-9 win in the final game, made for a great story and provided Doucette with much needed confidence. In the sixth position, Rick Munschauer '09 swept his opponent with three competitive game victories. Roly Morris '09 did not play like the ninth slot member of the team when he beat his challenger in four games. Even in the game that he did lose, he was still able to score on his opponent for nine points.

The most important match of the weekend for the team came against archenemy Colgate last Saturday night. Again, the Continentals overpowered their opponent for a 9-0 sweep to capture their third match victory of the year. Jono Peters '10 won for the fourth time in five chances with a tremendous effort against his challenger. He simply did not allow his adversary to gain any confidence and did not let up a point until the match was well decided in the third game. James Hogan '11 overcame a rough start to defeat his fourth ranked opponent in five games. Despite losing the first game in heartbreaking fashion 8-10, he came back to win the next two games handily and then competed the match with a decisive 9-0 final game. Alex Wood '12 surrendered only six points in three games to gain his fourth win of the year.

The squash teams will have to wait until next semester to resume their season, but it should not put a damper on the momentum that they have gained. Both squads have what it takes to compete against the top teams in the country and should be very competitive when they head to the NESCAC Championships near the end of January. Currently, the College Squash Association ranks the men's team as the eighteenth best in the country and there is no reason why they should not be able to improve upon this ranking in the near future. With the Lady Continentals off to another tremendous start, they will have the unique opportunity of turning in a season for the ages.

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Citrus Bowl Victory Earns Continentals National Respect

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Winter has finally descended upon Hamilton College and along with the icy winds and blowing snow comes hockey season. Men's hockey began their season on the road against the Wesleyan Cardinals and the Trinity Bantams. The November 21 night game at Wesleyan was the first test for the Continentals after a poor showing last season. At the end of the first period the Cardinals were up by a seemingly insurmountable three goals. Little did Wesleyan know, the Continentals were not going to go down without a fight. One minute and thirty-five seconds into the second period, B.J. Lalonde '12 took a shot from the point that found the back of the net and reenergized Hamilton. A few minutes later Chris Lorenc '10 scored to tie the game at three. With the score tied the game began to take-on a different persona. The third period began with Wesleyan scoring their fourth goal, but Hamilton was quick to respond. Vaclav Tomicek '10 and Lorenc scored to give Hamilton the lead with seven minutes remaining. The final minutes of the game were a constant battle back and forth, but the Continentals held on strong for the win. This first game exemplified the heart and will-power that the team possess.

The second game of the weekend was against the reigning NESCAC champion, Trinity College. Trinity was a different story than the night before. Kevin Osborne '09 scored the Continentals only goal in a 4-1 loss. Hamilton did not play up to its potential, but learned valuable lessons that will be carried with them for the rest of the season. After their first away weekend, the Continentals came away with two points.

With the Citrus bowl on the horizon after the Thanksgiving break, Hamilton got to work making minor corrections to their game plan. The first home game was against the sixth ranked team in the nation, Norwich University. The game started with the Continentals going up 1-0 scored by Lorenc at the one-minute mark. The first period showed Norwich that Hamilton was not going to let them walk out of the Sage with a win. In the second period, Norwich got their first goal,

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Captain Kyle Roulston '09

but Lorenc responded quickly with his second of the game to make it 2-1. Hamilton came out for the third expecting a tough battle against Norwich, but prevailed with Steve Lucchetti '12 scoring for the first time in his collegiate career. Lorenc added another goal to collect a hat trick against a highly respected Norwich defense to end the game 4-1. It was a great game and the team had a great experience in front of a capacity crowd. All the Continentals would like to express their thanks to the Hamilton community for showing their unbelievable support.

The next day, the St. Michael's Purple Knights came into the sage for the competition against the Continentals. The game ended in a 6-3 victory for Hamilton with Osborne, Joe Buicko '11, Harry Biggs '10, and Travis Blood '09 getting in on the scoring action. Sweeping the weekend was terrific and gave the team the confidence that they have been lacking over the past few years.

The next game for the Continentals was against the Utica Pioneers at the Utica auditorium. After a short bus ride the Continentals came out flying and went up quickly 1-0 with Lorenc scoring his sixth of the season. The second period was a different story. The Continentals came out flat and Utica capitalized. It was 2-2 by the end of the second period, but this just added fuel to the Continentals' fire. Buicko scored Hamilton's third goal, but the lead did not last. Utica scored with two minutes left in the third leading to an overtime period. Neither team could score, but the feisty game was finally concluded by a skirmish between the two teams. The Continentals, while unhappy about not winning, were happy that they got a point in a game dominated by poor refereeing.

After the first five games, the Continentals are 3-1-1. The hard-work and dedication of the Continentals in the off-season is apparent in their play and in their record. The upcoming weekend has the Continentals facing off against SUNY Cortland tonight at 7 p.m. and Morrisville tomorrow at 7 p.m. The Continentals would like to invite the entire Hamilton community to attend to show their support, as both of these games will be hard-fought and won by the home squad.

Underclassmen Swim Continentals Through Tough Waters

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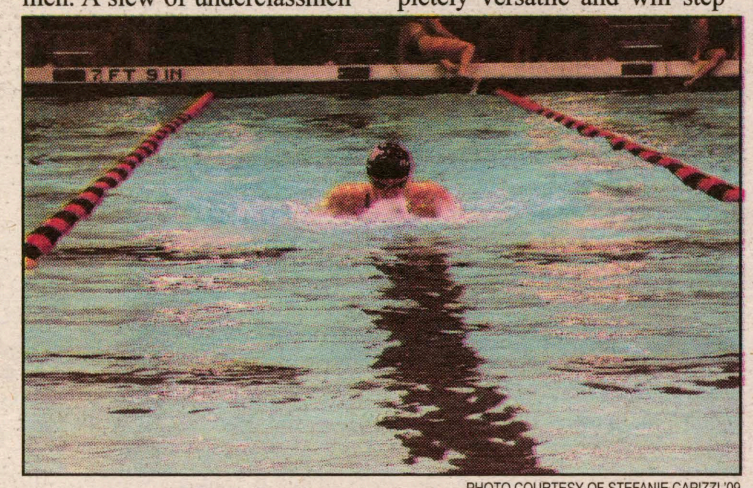
While most students are ready to return home for comfort foods and much needed rest and relaxation, the Hamilton men's and women's swimming and diving teams are training hard for what will be an exciting and rigorous season. Although the teams lost some superstars, All-American breaststroker Todd Johnson '08 for the men's team, and Olivia Reynolds '08 and Allison Currie '08 for the women's team, the Continentals are establishing themselves in the NESCAC and Liberty Leagues alike.

Last weekend, both teams placed second in the Wesleyan Invitational with 1,008 points for the women and 994 for the men. A slew of underclassmen pulled their weight in the 48 meet events, racking up enough points to dominate Trinity, Clark, Worcestor Polytechnic Institute, and Cabrini College. Wesleyan men and women took first place in the meet. Megan Gibbons '12, a sprinter for the women's team, has shown no problems adjusting to the steep NESCAC competition. In fact, Gibbons chalked up the most points of any individual in last weekend's competition, landing first place finishes in five separate events.

"Underclassmen are really going to be the core of our team this season," said Maura Donovan '09, a team captain along with Stefanie Capizzi '09, Deanna Edwards '09 and Eve Stevens '09. "We have had multiple freshmen score in competitive events. They are completely versatile and will step up as leaders this season."



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Eve Stevens '09 masters the breaststroke in competition.

The Wesleyan Invitational brought out stellar performances from seasoned women's team members as well as newcomers. Whitney Rosenbaum '10, who notched a victory in the 200 Butterfly at Hamilton's first regular season meet, joined forces with Gibbons, Stevens, and Kylie Fraser '11 to win the 400 medley relay. Liz Bucceri '11 and Anna Chelius '11 took a second place spot in the 200 IM and 3-Meter springboard dive respectively. These performances have been encouraging to the team, who entered the season with a young roster.

"At practice we are focusing on tons of different things. Obviously teamwork is essential for relays and overall performance but swimming is also very individual," Donovan explains. "Each swimmer has their specialty events which may mean they need longer training for distance events or training in different strokes. The coaches have done a great job of creating practices which address these different needs."

The men's team can also credit much of their success in the pool to a young and versatile team. Five sophomores placed in the top five for the Continentals, including a 500-yard freestyle victory by Bowie Sievers '11 and a first-place finish in the 200-yard free by Jake DeConinck '11. Jared Mereness '10, a tri-captain with Jason Brown '09 and Alex Paridon '09, racked up three third place finishes in breaststroke races.

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Jared Mereness '10 swims to first place.

The men and women's teams are making an early return to the Hill to prepare for a dual meet at Amherst College's Pratt Pool on January 3, 2009. The Amherst Lord Jeffs are 3-0 in the NESCAC this season, leaving defeated Wesleyan, Colby, and Middlebury in their wakes.

"A lot of Amherst swimmers are worthy of Division I, they should be really tough competition," said Donovan.

Even though an early return from winter break and a daunting meet against nationally ranked Amherst may seem like a tough prospect for most swimmers, there is a light at the end of the tunnel for the swimming and diving teams. The Continentals will be returning to sunny Puerto Rico for their second annual training trip.

"Everyone is so excited. It's a great way for us to swim outdoors and completely focus on our training. It is also a time for team building, a ton of fun, and sunshine," said Donovan.

The next home meet, against Middlebury College, is on January 17 in Bristol Pool at 2 p.m. Make sure to stop by and cheer on the newly tanned, speedo-clad swimmers as they dominate the Panthers.